

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 99- 9215

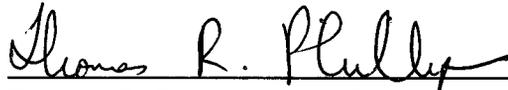
**Approval of Amendments to Local Rules of Practice
of the Midland County District, Constitutional,
and Statutory County Courts**

IT IS ORDERED that:

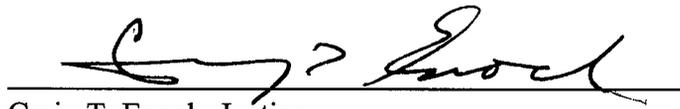
Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the attached amendments to the Midland County Local Rules of Practice of the District, Constitutional, and Statutory County Courts. These revisions amend Rule 5.2.

This order is temporary pending further orders of this Court.

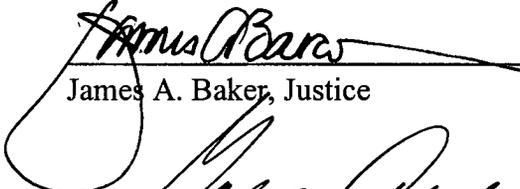
By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this 2nd day of November, 1999.

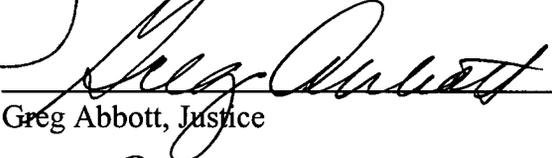

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

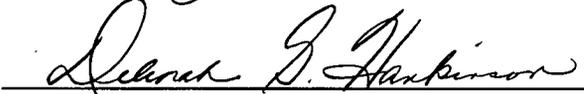

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Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


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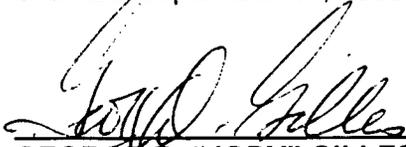
IN THE DISTRICT AND STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT OF THE MIDLAND COUNTY LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE OF THE DISTRICT, CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS

ORDERED that:

- 1. The Midland County Local Rules of Practice of the District, Constitutional and Statutory County Courts are revised by amending Rule 5.2 as attached.
- 2. This amendment shall become effective upon approval by the Supreme Court of Texas.

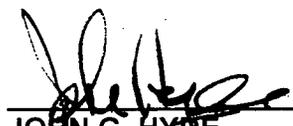
SIGNED September 14, 1999.



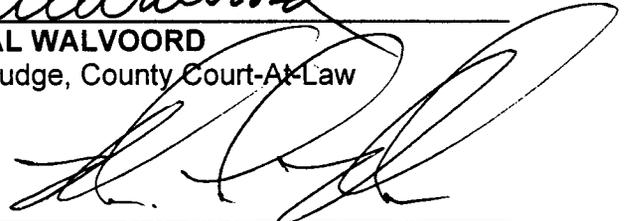
GEORGE D. "JODY" GILLES
 Judge, 142nd District Court



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 Judge, County Court-At-Law



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 Judge, 385th Judicial District Court

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 MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
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RULE 5.2. PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE

a. Course Mandatory

All parties in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, including an action to modify an order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, shall attend and complete a parent education and family stabilization course approved by the court in which the suit is pending. Except as provided herein, the provisions governing a parent education and family stabilization course in Section 105.009, Texas Family Code, as amended, shall apply.

b. Waiver of Course

For good cause shown, after notice and hearing, the court may waive the requirement of a course. If a party claims an inability to afford to take a course, and the court finds the claim is meritorious, the court may order that party to attend and complete a course that is offered on a sliding scale fee or without charge, if a course of that type is available.

c. Deadline for Completion

Each party shall complete the course prior to a final hearing on the merits of the case.

d. Verification of Attendance

Each party completing the course shall file a certificate of completion with the court within thirty (30) days of completion of the course, or at the time of that party's next court appearance, whichever is sooner.

e. Sanctions

If a party fails to attend and complete the course, the court may make such orders with regard to the failure as are just, including holding the party in contempt of court, striking pleadings, or invoking any sanction provided by Rule 215, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MIDLAND

I, VIVIAN WOOD, Clerk of the 318th District Court for Midland County, Texas do hereby Certify that this document is a true copy of the original record filed in my office.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office at Midland Texas, this 12 day of October 1999.

VIVIAN WOOD, DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
BY [Signature] DEPUTY



SEVENTH ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION OF TEXAS

DEAN RUCKER, PRESIDING JUDGE

200 WEST WALL, SUITE 200

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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October 12, 1999

Texas Supreme Court
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711-2248
ATTN: Ms. Elizabeth Saunders, Chief Deputy Clerk

RE: *Proposed Order Approving Amendment of the Midland County Local Rules of Practice of the District, Constitutional and Statutory County Courts*

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a certified copy of the proposed *Order Approving Amendment of the Midland County Local Rules of Practice of the District, Constitutional and Statutory County Courts*. Please submit this proposed order to the Court for approval.

In my capacity as Presiding Judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, I have approved this proposed change to the local rules of Midland County.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If anything further is required, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dean Rucker".

Dean Rucker

Enclosure



THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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November 2, 1999

Hon. George D. Gilles
Admin. Judge and Judge
142nd District Court
200 W. Wall, Suite 300
Midland, Texas 79701-4557

Dear Judge Gilles,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that temporarily approved amendments to the local rules courts of Midland County.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Dean Rucker
7th Admin Judicial Rgn

Hon. John G. Hyde
Hon. Willie B. DuBose
Hon. Al Walvoord
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